PHILS TOTTER, ROBINS CHIRP, SMEAR IS NEAR

Climax Approaches in the Big National League Melodrama.

By GRANTLAND RICE.

That blood-curdling melodrama, "Who Cops the Swag?" is now approaching a definite climax in the National League. This melodrama, which is a curtain

raiser to that sparkling comedy, "Along Came Ruth," has been raging now since the 12th of April without unfolding the

But the big punch, wherein the hero is crowned and the villain is smeared, may now pop out at any moment. It may come this afternoon if the roving Robins persist in slamming the Glants again while the Braves are splitting an-other double-header with the Phillies. This would not end the race any more than stone walls make a prison or iron bars make a cage, but, as in the case of the latter two incidents, it would help

an awful lot.

A lead of one complete game is not always conclusive evidence. But a lead of one complete game on a Tuesday morning when the race ends Thursday night at least outlines the general drift.

A Different Aspect.

For the Robins, once reeling on their way toward the bosky dell by dropping two straight to the Phillies, have tossed uside their winding sheets by lifting two straight from the Phillies and Giants, lending, as you might say, a different aspect to affairs.

What are the chances, pro and con and con and bull? This part of it is simple enough.

simple enough.

Here are the standings to-day between the two leaders:

Brooklyn...... 92 Philadelphia..... 90 If Brooklyn should win three straight from the Giants and the Phillies should bag four straight from the Braves the final would be:

Brooklyn......94 Philadelphia.....93 This also would leave the highly pleased Robins on top by half a game. If the Robins should win only one out of three from the Giants, the Phillies would stil' have to take three out of four from the Braves to enter another Cetaher debate.

On the Other Hand-

on the other hand f Brooklyn should drop three straight New York, Philadelphia would need ly two out of four from Boston to mplete the harvest and reap the re-

case this may sound a trifle com-In case this may sound a trifle com-plex, the situation is about this: Phila-delphia must win two more games from Boston than Brooklyn can win from New York to lead the league at Thurs-day's pink and purple dusk. Brooklyn to-day has a three-ply advantage, ar-ranged as follows:

hree days left.

Second—Ferdinand Schupp out of the Second—Ferdinand Schupp out of the way until Thursday, at least, and possibly for good and all.

Third—Grover Cleveland Alexander on the bench until Wednesday, anyway.

In beating Ferdy Schupp the Robins accomplished a job that has been beyond the power of any other club in the league for a number of weary weeks. Ferdy did his part of it by holding the Robins to two hits—NOT four, as many had it scored—in his seven innings of play.

There is another strong psychological factor that favors Brooklyn. Saturday noon, after two jolts from the Phillies, this club looked to be beaten. It was on its way down hill. To-day it is out in front again, pointing upward, with its main rival gasping for a breath of air. The sudden turn in sffairs has been as uplifting to Brooklyn as it has been depressing to Philadelphia.

On Saturday at noon the Phillies were inhaling the fragrant oder of the press would cafe to make a note of it."

First Division Hopes.

Despite the lack of attention, the irrepressible Wild William Donovan went though all the motions of playing a ball game. William wants the Yanks to finish in the first division, consequently the business of playing out the schedule is not all skittles to William.

Realizing that he had some work to do to keep out of that second division. Wild William sent in Robert Shawkey, the ever-ready, ever-steady one. Robert

On Saturday at noon the Phillies Wild William sent in Robert Shawkey, seer inhaling the fragrant odor of \$3,000 each, while the Dodgers were was wearing his lucky red flannel shirt, sniffing about \$2.25 worth. Now the so what chance did the Senators have? inhalations and the sniffs are reversed. He held Griffith's men to two measly Brooklyn is back at the rich border of the Promised Land, with Philadelphia floundering in the wilderness; Alexander pretty well pitched out and Bancroft limping on a dislocated hip.

The Yanks had a soft time with Thomas, a youthful Washington slab-dier. They might have piled up a higher score, but Mr. Shawkey, in his tregerness to run up a neat tally for an

The Case of the Giants.

Philadelphia's sole chance is to beat Boston two or three games and then have the Giants recover their old stride. Yesterday McGraw's club looked to be a badly fagged machine. This mental and physical condition was natural enough. When a ball club smashes all major league records and wins twendll major league records and wins twenders in a row it must be travelling ence. Baker came in on Gedeon's page. The state of control and the state of the control and the state of the control and the control

Frooklyn has won thereen and New York of the State of it, physically and psychologically.

There were those inclined to comment Monday upon the Giants' big change. This shift in their mental ast the same time those opportunities count for make those opportunities count for the title for the fact of the full that for make the same

Oh, Man!



YANKEES SCORE VICTORY BEFORE A SLIM CROWD

Wild Bill's Men, in Battle for Jack Coombs Too Good Fourth Place, Beat Senators.

ly and valiantly for fourth place in the Ebbets Field yesterday afternoon. mentous struggle with Clark Griffith's their rivals back a pace in face of Senators at the Polo Grounds yester- Ferdie Schupp's fire, and drove ahead

would have stood against the world, and now none so poor to do them rever-ence. This assemblage of loyal citi-

ergerness to run up a neat tally for an unappreciative city, twice batted into double plays, which kept the figures

Robins' Victory Over Giants Gains Ground on Threatening Phillies

for McGraw's Men-Fifth Victory.

By FRANK O'NEILL.

The Robins defeated the Giants at

More than that, Robbie's men hurled to gain ground on the Phillies, who

day, and there wasn't a Cossack corporal's guard to witness the inspiring speciacle. The score was 5 to 1.

Even Colonel Ruppert and Cap Huston, owners of the Yanks, disappeared, and were later located at Ebbets Field. Of the executive staff of the New York Americans only Secretary Harry Sparrow remained. He was too fat to get into the taxi with Cap Huston, so he hing around to rail at the ingratitude of the Manhattan multitudes.

"But a few months ago," Mr. Sparrow orated, "the name of the Yanks would have stood against the world, in another double-header to-day. A in another double-header to-day. A double victory for the Quaker City host would send them into the lead, provided was a drop ball, which started high, and swooped down over the plate, just heat high.

he has come off victorious.

Yet Schupp, who won six games during the winning streak of the Giants, lost nothing but the game. Officially the Robins were credited with four hits. Of that quartet, two might have been scored as errors, and, indeed, should have been. Fletcher tripped up on fielding a little grounder by Jake Daubert in the fourth inning, and this opportunity was improved until a

to baved the way for the Brookly victory. In a measure this is true, but at
the same time there was power sufficient in the game of the Robins to
make those opportunities count for
something. It cannot be said truthfully
that the Giants did not have the same
chance to break into the run column.
They did, but failed utterly to develop
a scoring punch. Kauff, for instance,
had a chance in the first inning, but he
struck out with the bases full and
brought the inning to a close. In the
seventh inning Holke singled and got
to third on an error by Hi Myers, but
Bill Rariden flied out, and the inning
was at an end.
No praise can be too high for the
work of Coombs. The arm of the Colby
veteran may creak now and then, but

Dodgers Lead Rival Phils by .005255

Brooklyn drove ahead in her fight for the National League pennant vesterday. The Robins beat the Giants in the opening game of their series, while the Braves divided the honors of their double-header with the Phillies.

The teams will be up and at each other again to-day. The Robins and Giants will play one game, while the Braves and Phillies meet in another double-header.

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Brooklyn	3	92	59	.609272
Philadelphia .	4	90	59	.604027
Boston	4	86	62	.581081
New York	. 3	85	64	.570471

would send them into the lead, provided near is less than 1 per cent of the free list."

It is a rotten house, "agreed Harry Stevens. "I just checked up, and all there was in the place was three beets one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and three hot dogs. That puts it one hot dry being the place was three beets, one highball, one ham sandwich and victory also for Brooklyn would and vi

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

GAMES TO-DAY.

New York at Brooklyn.
Boston at Philadelphia (two).

Brooklyn, 2: New York, 0.
Philadelphia, 2: Boston, 0 (1st).
Boston, 4: Philadelphia, 1 (2d).
NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

Schupp Pitches Masterly Shore Pitches Hitless Ball and Ball, but Is Handicapped by Errors.

wounds, and he has them all named won, the Boston Red Sox eased up to-"This one is Johnny Evers," said won, the Boston Red Sox eased up to-Moonie as Doc Hart was massaging his arm yesterday, pointing to a big scar delphia 4 to 2. It was a hitless shut-on his shin, "and this one is Artie out during the five innings that Ernest Fletcher. Shake hands with Sherwood Shore pitched for the world chamber.

In the fourth inning the band played "Goodby, Good Luck, God Bless You," after Brooklyn scored, and all Brook-

lyn fans accepted it as an omen. Ivan Olson had a miserable day of it. He fanned three times.

The score follows:

of the West Side Tennis Club did not

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Washington at New York.
Philadelphia at Boston

New York, 5; Washington, 1. Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.

Results of Games in Two Leagues

And Standing of Battling Teams

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY. RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.

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RED SOX EASE

UP, BUT DEFEAT

Then Gives Way to

THE MACKMEN

By BRIGGS

/ictors Take Easy Club Title

Match on West Side

Courts.

Witt, ss. 400 220 Hooper, rf. 211 0 0 0
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Schang, c. 411 311 Walker, cf. 100 2 00
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McInning the doubles championship
of the West Side Tennis Club did not
require much of an expenditure of
energy on the part of Frederick C.

The scores follow:

Witt, ss. 400 220 Hooper, rf. 211 0 0
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Johnson, p. 200 120 Henrik n. if 101 0 00
Gardner, 30 101 0 20
McNally, 30 200 611
Scott, ss. 200 651
Wagner, ss. 101 1 10
Cady, c., 400 4 00
Shore, p. 200 9 21

Easy for the Pirates.

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 2.—The Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Dayton Metals Products, a local semi-professional team here this afternon by the score of

Amusements

and The Ad-Visor WILL BE FOUND TO-DAY ON PAGE 7

Phillies Get Setback at Hands of Braves

Pat Moran's Men Able to Get Only an Even Break with Braves, and Lose Ground in Race for National League Pennant.

By W. J. MACBETH.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2 .- If Pat Moran's Phillies repeat Alexander have to turn the trick for them. They cannot stand without the pitchin champion of champions. That point was demonstrated forcibly by to deriv double-header with the tenacious Braves, which was divided by scores 2 to 0 and 4 to 1, respectively.

You may know without asking that a championship aggregation nine Alexander featured the shutout. It was in ten. the sixteenth time this season the big There was as much difference fellow blanked the enemy. While this tween the play of the Phillies the piece of heavy ordnance was in action the first game and their play in the Moran's old guard displayed all that ond as there is diffs ence in me dash, all that fight and all that resolu- charges on May 1 and on Octob

an ordinary field a year ago. After the trump ace had raked in the first trick it was something else again. There was not the same jaunty confi- Reulbach made a creditable she dence behind Al Demarce. The Steamer against Al Demarce. But to one dence behind Al Demaree. The Steamer pitched a good game; a very, very good that the Quaker's shortcomings me game. Not quite so good as that of

tion which carried them to victory over No individual of Moran's line could singled out as a particular offender

Reulbach Has Lot of Stuff on Ball,

But Has a Hard Time Controlling Reulbach either is very good or very bad. Yesterday it appeared he had hit one of those rare mediums, where he was just middling all along. He had a lot of stuff on the ball, but he had difficulty in controlling it. More often than not the behemoth was in the hole to batters and had to groove the ball. And for a club that is locked in a life and death grapple, a club that had so many openings against an unsteady heaver, one conclusion and only one may be drawn from the ultimate issue of the double-header here to-day. Philadelphia is plainly depressed through the loss of Shortstop Dave Bancroft. It is a general depression that is likely to wipe out a season's plucky effort before another sundown.

The home crowd is an infallible gauge of a team's temper. The Philadelphia when the champion pitcher recled off his thirty-third victory and his sixteenth shuttout of the year the spectators failed once to rise to anything approximating enthusiasm.

To one who followed the mad root-

once to rise to any only once to rise to any one who followed the mad rooting of the Giant following through McGraw's mad dash to his record, the Philadelphia fans appeared cold almost to indifference. There should have Boston, Oct. 2.-With the pennaat

Philadelphia fans appeared cold almost to indifference. There should have been plenty of noise and rumpus. The largest attendance of the season was out. Every vantage point, even to the aisles and runways and a few of the rafters, was taken. Close to 18,000 jammed the little cigar box of a ground.

It may have been the psychological

Shore pitched for the Magee over here, and this one is my old pal Luderus." Yes, indeed, the life of the catcher is of giving the pitchers whom he will of giving the pitchers whom he will by Not Starting F

of giving the pitchers whom he will work to keep them in condition. The condition of the state o

counter and to follow with his star left-hander.

and three only that far. Note of the three reached Luderus's patrol before two batsmen had be.. retired. In the fourth and ninth, respectively, Konetchy and Wilhoit scratched singles to Stock. In the eighth Stock's error gave a life to Pinch Hitter Connolly.

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Al Demaree was lucky indeed to escape annihilation in the first inning of the second game. A lucky double play that failed by inches of being a triple play broke the back of a Boston rally and limited the Braves to one run. Snodgrass smashed one through the box. Stock fumbled on Maranville. On a hit-and-run play Wilhoit lined wickedly to Stock. The ball just happened to hit Milton's glove and stick there. The little codger would have ducked in time. The two runners were under a full head of steam. Stock threw to Niehoff, doubling Snodgrass off the midway. Maranville beat back a relay to first by an eyelash. The Rabbit raced to third on Konetchy's single to right and tallied while Koney was being run down on an attempted double steal.

The Phils tied it in the second. Whit-

named the batteries for the fire

by Not Starting Rixey, a Southpaw

Totals...20 9 3 24 13 | Totals....28 24 22 1

counter and to follow with his star lefthander.

When, in the seventh inning of the
second game to-day, Demarce wounded
Reulbach in the pitching arm Stallings
immediately chased Rudolph out to the
"bull pen." Here is a "blood" series
if ever there was one.

will be staged Thursday night. Jinnj

nicked out to give battle to Your Fddy, of Greenwigh, in the big event of In the six-round semi-final Young McGovern meets Willie Burke, of Prooklyn. There will also be a wrestling match to a finish between Muldes and Carl Sanderson.